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(C) Russia possesses limited critical infrastructure and key resources that if destroyed, disrupted, or exploited would likely have an immediate or deleterious effect on the U.S. Based on that assessment, Post recommends the removal of the Nadym Gas Pipeline Junction, which was included in the 2008 listing. While Russia remains an important supplier of hydrocarbons, both oil and gas, to the global market, damage to Russia's energy infrastructure would produce only secondary impacts on the U.S., by virtue of the corresponding disruptions that would occur on the world oil and gas markets. Although the U.S. does purchase a significant amount of oil from Russia, we rely on a diversity of suppliers and supply routes, so that no individual Russian facility is essential to U.S. economic well-being.  
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